

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—May 18, 2009

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on May 18, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Grib, Oxley, Melko, Johnson, Bitely, Bainbridge.

Commissioners Absent: Laski.

Public Comment: Questions were raised regarding how to obtain copies of the Sewer Ordinance, use of stimulus money, businesses paying a higher sewer rate, metering, and procedures for reviewing and adjusting rates.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Grib to approve the agenda as presented, all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Bainbridge to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of April 27, 2009 as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

The sewer ordinance as approved at the April meeting deleted the section regarding tenants (Section 712). It has since been determined that the section should remain as was originally presented.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Johnson to adopt the original version of the Sewer Ordinance to include Section 712 as presented by Counsel and negate the Ordinance version approved at the April 27, 2009 meeting. Roll Call vote: Oxley-Y, Melko-Y, Johnson-Y, Grib-Y, Bitely-Y, Bainbridge-Y. Motion passed.

Schuitmaker reported that the agreement with the Village of Marcellus was drafted by attorney Callahan. Modifications were made by Schuitmaker, White, and Wightmans. The agreement should be finalized by next week for approval.

Smaka reported that most of the easements are completed. The treatment plant plans are close to being completed. Judgments regarding private roads have been obtained for Gravel Lake and those for Cass County will occur next week.

The outline for the pre-construction meeting was reviewed. It will be held on May 30, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Marcellus Elementary School. Engineers, attorneys, road commissioners, Twp representatives should be on hand to answer questions.

Smaka presented a list of bills for approval.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Oxley to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call vote: Melko-Y, Johnson-Y, Grib-Y, Bitely-Y, Bainbridge-Y, Oxley-Y. Motion passed.

Boshoven reported that he will be sending out several letters to legislators to follow up on the calls regarding budget earmarks for alternative energy. The Cass County Commission is very enthused at the prospect of being able to utilize alternative energy sources within the project.

Attorney Schuitmaker recommended that the Authority go into closed session to discuss property acquisition.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Bainbridge to go into closed session. all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Grib, Support by Bitely to come out of closed session. all Ayes—motion passed.

Public Comment: None

There being no other business before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next meeting—June 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary